

GRAUSTARK

#205

1968CH, 1969BI, 1969BW, 1970D, 1970E, 1970J, "G-VI"

14 March 1970

1969BW

"Fall-Winter 1903"

FRANCE OPENS SECOND FRONT, BLASTS GERMANY

ENGLAND (Lasky): A Norway St. P; F Norwegian Sea-North Sea; F Ska S F Norwegian Sea-North Sea; F North Sea-Hol.

FRANCE (R. Miller): A Bur-Mun; A Rel S English F North Sea-Hol; F Tun-Ion; A Rom S ITALIAN A Apu-Ven; F Tyr S A Rom.

GERMANY (Shuldiner): A Ven holds; A Hol S A Ruh; A Ruh S A Hol; F Fal S RUSSIAN F Fin-Swe; F Den holds; F Hel S F Den.

ITALY (Gorman): A Apu-Ven; F Adr S A Apu-Ven; F Ion-Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kimmel): F Alb S RUSSIAN A Ser-Gre; F Bul(s.c.) & A Tri hold; A Rum S F Bul(s.c.); A Vie-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Wile): F Sev-Arm; A Ser-Gre; F Fin-Swe; F Not S F Fin-Swe; A St. P Norway.

TURKEY (Becker): F Ank-Arm; A Con-Bul; F Gre S A Cen-Bul; F Aeg S F Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Ven-Fie. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, N-r, (4)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, (9)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, (4)

ITALY: Nap, Ven, (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Rum, Tri, Vie, (5)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Ser, Sev, Swe, War, (6)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Gre, Smy, (4)

The "Winter 1903" builds and removals are:

FRANCE: Builds F Bre, A Par, & A Mar.

GERMANY: Removes A Fie & F Bal.

ITALY: Removes F Nap.

RUSSIA: Builds A War.

John Beshara, Gamesmaster of 1969BW, (continued in the next column)

ADDITIONAL OPEN GAME BEGINS

Pursuant to popular demand from GRAUSTARK readers, another "Open" game has been begun among the players whose entry fees arrived after the two "Open" games announced in #201 were filled. This newest game will be designated as "G-VI" until Rod Walker assigns a number for it. The players and their country assignments are:

ENGLAND: Thomas Bray, 443 Franklin Ave., Palmerton, Penn. 18071

FRANCE: Bob Strayer, 4150 Augusta Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. 85021

GERMANY: Herb Barents, 157 State St., Zeeland, Mich. 49464

ITALY: Buddy Tréstick, 3702 Wendy Lane, Silver Spring, Md. 20906; 301-942-8306.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Hugh Anderson, 2717 Belaire Drive, Lansing, Mich. 48910; 517-482-8714

RUSSIA: Duane A. Leinhos, Box 651, Towers House, Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, N. Y. 13676

TURKEY: F. Steven Cairns, Nichols 201, 4 Ames St., Cambridge, Mass. 02139

The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 APRIL 1970. Thereafter, deadlines will be at two-week intervals as provided in GRAUSTARK #190.

will be out of the country until the end of April. John Beardman will therefore take over this game until his return, continuing the Monday deadline. However, this deadline will be moved from 6 PM to 8 PM, as I must meet a 5 PM class on Mondays and am usually not home before 6:30. The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves will be on Monday 23-March, and the deadline for "Fall 1904" moves will be on Monday 6 (continued on p. 6)

"Fall 1901"

1901/2

USSO-ITALIAN ALLIANCE HAMMERS AUSTRIA

ENGLAND (Gletty): A Nor-Zon; F North Sea-Ska; F Norwegian-Sea-Norway.FRANCE (Moseley): A Pic-Lon; F Eng C A Pic-Zon; A Pie-Ven.

GERMANY (Tang): A Kie-Mun; A Ruh-Bel; F Hol S A Ruh-Bel.

ITALY (Becker): A Ven-Pie; A Tyr-Vie; F Ion-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Poplawski): A Vie-Bud; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (Burley): F Fin-Sve; A Gal S ITALIAN A Tyr-Vie; A Ukr-Rum;
F Sey S A Ukr-Rum.TURKEY (Amling): F Fla-Rum; A Con-Ank; A Rul-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor. (4)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par. (3)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie,
Mun. (5)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven, Vie. (5)

Germany, Italy, and Russia may each build two new units, and England, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 MARCH 1970.

FROM THE MOSCOW TIMES ("We print all the news to fit", 1 Oct. 1901): Czar Niksonbitch confirmed today that the brave Russian people are at war. This condition, which began in April, was not noticed until recently, because Count Deanrusky was standing in the way.

NIKSONBITCHOGRAD, GALICIA: Our Czar announced today, to a cheering throng of liberated peasants, that the Russian armies and their allies would have no difficulty crushing the warmongers who oppose us. The fierce and unprovoked attack on our borders by Austria-Hungary has been repulsed, and even now our armies are bringing her people into the family of those nations which are run the right way (and, at the same time, insuring that never again will she be capable of menacing the Free World!).

Turning his attention to the fierce and uncivilized northwest, our beloved Czar noted that there had been much troop movement among the underdeveloped, feudalistic peoples of the area, "who may do us all a favor and kill each other off. We can, in particular, gladly do without the English brand of brothers."

GREENWICHBOORG (15 Oct. 1901): Itinerant witch and part-time bag-woman Babs Yaga predicted today that our fine Turkish allies will continue to aid us in the warm Mediterranean lands, where her peoples would be most comfortable.

(Earlier press releases appear on p. 6.)

1969BI

"Winter 1905"

John Beshara, playing Austria-Hungary, will be out of the country until the end of April. Accordingly, after "Spring 1906" moves are published in GRAUSTARK #206 on 28 March, play will be suspended for a month. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves will be Saturday 9 May.

MARSEILLES (1 Jan. 1906): The Premier himself christened the battleships of the long awaited Third Fleet. He said that he hoped

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"Fall-Winter 1912"

1912 CH

TURKISH POSITION IN BALKANS COLLAPSES

ENGLAND (Linden): A Gal-Rum; A Ukr S A Gal-Rum; A Mos-Sev; A Liv-Mos; A Bud S FRENCH A Tri-Ser; F Hel-Hol; A War, F North Sea, F Iri, F North Atlantic, F Norwegian Sea, & F Bal held.

FRANCE (Berman): F Mid holds; F Bre S F Mid; A Bel-Hol; A Bur-Bel; A Nap-Syr; F Ion & F Eas C A Nap-Syr; A Ven-Tri; A Tyr S A Ven-Tri; A Tri-Ser; A Vie S ENGLISH A Bud.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): A Rum S TURKISH A Ser.

TURKEY (Lindsay): A Arm-Smy; A Sev & A Ser S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum; F Gre S AF Aeg; F Aeg & F Alb S F Gre; F Bla S A Sey.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish army in Serbia and the Austro-Hungarian army in Rumania are both dislodged. Since the only retreat available to either is Bulgaria, they stand each other off in retreat and both are annihilated. (See ruling #8 on p. 5 of GRAUSTARK #190.) The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Ber, Bud, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nor, Rum, St. P, Swe, War. (14)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Mun, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Ser, Spa, Tri, Tun, Yen, Vie. (14)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Sev, Smy. (6)

Austria-Hungary has lost all supply centers and is out of the game. England builds armies in Edinburgh and London, and France builds an army in Paris. The deadline for "Spring 1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 28 MARCH 1970. Press releases for this game appear on p. 5.

1970D:

"Winter 1901"

GERMAN ARMED FORCES DOUBLED IN GENERAL MOBILIZATION

ENGLAND (Wells): Builds F Edi. ITALY (White): Builds F Nap.

FRANCE (Salcedo): Builds F Bre. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lindsay): Builds

GERMANY (Prosnitz): Builds F A Bud.

Kie, A Ber, A Mun.

TURKEY (Grayson): Builds A Smy, F Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 28 MARCH 1970. Since Sam Ferris has missed the Fall and Winter moves, he is dropped from the game, and David Lindsay takes over as Austria-Hungary. Lindsay's address is 2245 Fairmont Parkway, Erie, Penn. 16510.

PARIS (2 Jan. 1902): The Empress has expressed doubts about the virility of Italian men. She made this statement after learning that Italian peckers are packed by putting 10,000 in a sardine can.

1967U

"Winter 1928"

ITALY VIOLATES PACT, WINS WAR!

Following "Fall 1928" moves, Italy builds an army in Naples. Germany made no build. Accordingly, Frank Clark's Italy has 17 units while Michael Miller's Germany has 16, and Italy accordingly wins the war.

VICTORY STATEMENT: the Germans!

ROME: Italy accepts a tie with Germany, as planned in 1900.

BROOKLYN: As planned by whom?

1970J

"Fall 1901"

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY REPELS ITALIAN ATTACK

This game, called "G-III" in earlier issues of GRAUSTARK, has been assigned the designation "1970J" by Rod Walker. This designation will henceforth be used.

ENGLAND (Chalker): No moves received. F Eng, F North Sea, & A Yor hold.

FRANCE (Schelz): A Bur-Bel; F Pic-Bre; A Spa-Por.

GERMANY (Berman): F Den-North Sea; A Kie-Hol; A Ruh-Mun.

ITALY (Comber): F Ion-Tun; A Ven-Tri; A Tyr S A Ven-Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kirkpatrick): A Tri holds; A Ser S A Tri; F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (Grayson): F Rum-Bul; A Ukr-Rum; A Sev S A Ukr-Rum; F Bot-Swe.

TURKEY (Aita): A Bul-Gre; A Con-Bul; F Bla S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Bel, Far, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie. (4)
Por. (5) RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe,

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, War. (6)
Mun. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

France, Germany, and Russia may each build two new units, and Italy, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey may each build one. The deadline for "Winter 1901" builds is NOON, SATURDAY 28 MARCH 1970.

For Mike Aita's new address see page 10.

BERLIN: War is declared on England. At last we will win. After all, this time we have a new commander-in-chief. His identity has, however, been kept a secret. One rumor has it that he has an eye-patch over one eye, but the source for this is only slightly reliable.

VIENNA (14 Sept. 1901): Un-General Achnu von Dickie, commander of the Un-Armed Forces, today reported that the un-army on the way to Greece was being delayed and that the un-fleet in Albania was being sent instead. "Besides," he commented, "we've already got enough pansies."

(Earlier press releases are printed on p. 7.)

1969BI - LATE PRESS RELEASES

ROME: The honorable Italian Government proposes a world wide cease fire along the present lines. All powers will maintain their current strength forever!

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ: Queen Tanna Hanna CCXLII today offered to supervise the negotiation of a truce in the present European War. "The governments of Austria-Hungary and Italy have already indicated to Our Brooklyn consulate that they are interested in negotiating an armistice," she told a vast crowd of worshippers at the Lammas Eve festival. "The leaders of this alliance feel that no advantage can accrue to either side in a continuation of hostilities, and that therefore the war should be concluded on the basis of the status quo. Our Brooklyn consulate awaits replies from the governments of England, France, and Germany concerning this offer."

1968CH - PRESS RELEASES

HOGWASHINGTON (URRP): President Pegasus J. Pig today addressed a joint session of the Senate and the House of Reprehensibles concerning the crisis in the small Asian country of Louse.

"The preservation of the American Way of War in Louse is of vital importance to the Free World," he said. "If Louse falls, Champassac falls. And if Champassac falls, Svat falls. And if Svat falls, then Siunik and Fezoglu will be endangered, and the whole Free World, even as far as Larar, South Carolina."

"The present situation in Louse involves a struggle between two men - named Oon and Foon - or maybe it's between Foon and Fong. But, as you can see, this conflict is vital to the continuation of our civilization, especially with the stock market slurp that the decline of the Viet Han War has caused. If Foon prevails over Oon, the whole meaning of Western Civilization will be set at naught. - unless of course we're backing Foon against Oon, in which case it's the other way around. The triumph of Oon over Foon is worth a nuclear war - unless it's really Foon over Oon, or in case the real conflict is between Foon and Fong."

"Anyhow, we're fighting a group called the Pathet Louse. We are backing another group called the Pathet Ix. And I promise you that no Americans have thus far been killed in ground fighting in Louse, and if they have been you damn well aren't going to find out about it."

Heartened by these words, Congress promptly voted support of the presidential position in Louse, whatever it may be. One dissenting vote was cast by Senator Hugh Mann. When President Pig was informed of this, he remarked, "All I can say is, that old Hughie better stay out of hotel balconies and hotel kitchens!"

Oddly enough, some doubt about the presidential policy in Louse was expressed by one of the president's closest advisers, Secretary of Weltpolitik Verran Khan. Khan, a direct descendant of Genghis Khan, said, "While strategically sound, an American invasion of Louse is bad tactics at the present time. Louse is too close to Viet Han, and there is still a war in Viet Han. The public uneasiness about this war is too easily transferable to Louse. I have advised the president to wind up the war in Viet Han completely, and wait two or three years before beginning another in some far removed part of the world such as Hameroon, Puerco Rico, or Porkugal. Then we can get away with another five years or so of this sort of war, with all the attendant benefits of war profits, war prosperity, special war powers for the government, and the disposal of troublesome young people into either the army or exile."

GENEVA (10 Aug. 1912, Echoen Press): Disgust Hall, delegate of the Russian National Liberation Front, indignantly denied charges of atrocities. "There can be no comparison between THEIR Atrocities and OUR Revolutionary Justice. Any such charges come from biased sources and can not be believed. For the truth you must go to impartial sources, like me."

LONDON (2 Sept. 1912, EP): Today violence interrupted a St. Hugh of Lincoln Memorial Rally being held in Whitechapel by RAPE (Radicals Against Practically Everything). RAPE Secretary A. Hitler charged "Jewish brutality", after several of his followers were arrested.

Hitler: How dare those pigs assert that we don't have a right to beat up anyone who tries to suppress our dissent by criticizing us?

Reporter: Mr. Hitler, if you support freedom of dissent, then why don't you allow people to speak in opposition to you?

Hitler: If THEY keep US from speaking, it is Evil, Pernicious, and Sinful, because they spread lies. But if WE keep THEM from speaking it is True, Right, and Good, because we have the Truth.

Reporter: Aren't you begging the question?

Hitler: Why you dirty filthy fascist establishment pig, are you trying to suppress dissent?

(Charing Cross Hospital says that our correspondent will recover.)

1970E - PRESS RELEASES

SCHEISSKCPF (14 Feb. 1901, LHP): We of the island nation of Awasia recognize the inevitability of a conflict which will eventually envelop all of Europe. And so, in an effort to insure that the countries just and righteous in nature conquer, and the countries naturally evil in character be vanquished - so that history be allowed to follow in its Divine course - we are throwing every available resource against the Enemy. And just as soon as we decide who the enemy is, troops will be mobilized.

AGUADORO, ARIZONA (URRP): A gang of Mexican bandits led by the notorious outlaw Leon Nuevo today rode across the border and into Aguadoro, where they robbed the Speculators' and Peculators' Bank. In the course of the robbery one of the bandits, Eutiquio Jose Elfrito bandito shot and killed the only two people in the bank, guard Wesson Smith and teller Miss Ann Randy, whom he found secluded in the vault.

Fortunately, the bandits were captured almost immediately after their raid. As they galloped away, they rounded a corner straight into the guns of a posse which was breaking up a migrant workers' picket line in front of the Bolch Grap Co. office. At present they are all incarcerated in the Apache County Jail, awaiting trial on charges of armed robbery and murder.

Nuevo claims that he and his men should not be held for trial. "We are prisoners of war, and insist upon treatment as such!" he says.

Sheriff "Bull" Droppings, who led the gang's capture, scoffs at Nuevo's claim. "There is no war between Mexico and the United States," he told reporters. "Suppose the situation was reversed. If a group of Americans went into a foreign country without a declaration of war, and killed people, I cannot imagine that our country would deny that country the right to 'try them.' Prisoners of war' indeed!"

When asked about the sheriff's viewpoint, Nuevo stated that the existence or absence of a declaration of war made no difference; "We were active belligerents, and that's all that matters," he said. "Furthermore, they have no right to try my good friend Jose for murder. I am Jose's commander. I will try him myself!"

BERLIN: With the burning Hauptmanns providing the background music, "Deutschland über alles" ((sic)), the Kaiser held another press conference. This time on the furor over the alleged sightings of German Zeppelins over Rome, Venice, and Naples.

At the conference, His Majesty said, "Well, it's like this: in spite of an Italo-Prussian agreement to the contrary, Italian troops have moved into Trolia. Therefore, I have ordered our Zeppelin fleet to show the flag around."

"What was the Italian ambassador talking about when he said 'U-2! U-2!?' asked a Tibetan reporter from the renowned Guru Gazette.

"Pure Latin panic; there is nothing to worry about if Italy doesn't violate German soil. If she does, she should remember that for every blow dealt The Reich, two will be dealt back to the perfidious foe!"

LONDON (3 Aug. 1901): The English 4th Army moved in here today to protect against the mysterious fleet that was reported to be off the coast.

NEW YORK (12 Sept. 1901): The last traces of the old French Indo-China were destroyed today. The 11-year-old ace and his famous Minh forces left today for the European front (F Cam-Ind).

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April. Adjudicated moves will be mailed out to the players on the following day. The moves of Monday 20 April will also be adjudicated in this fashion. John Beshara will resume the Gamesmastership for the moves due on Monday 4 May.

OCCUPIED ROME (10 Apr. 1903): The women of Rome, who have been rioting the past week over Premier Boyer-Lesuave's absence from his new territory, today waited anxiously to see the Premier's personal envoy, the world-famous Chevalier Maurice de Nanson. When asked to comment about the exciting French nobleman, one of his prettier female visitors stated, "He saw, he conquered, he came."

PARIS (17 Sept. 1903): Count Heirrich von Schnick-Ufritz, the German Ambassador, (continued on p. 7)

"G-III" - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON (16 Apr. 1901, Reuters): King Jock I today revealed that His Majesty's Royal Navy has been ordered to safeguard the English Channel and provide cover for maneuvers in the North Sea. He denied rumors that the British Army had worked out a pact of mutual protection with Norway involving joint army maneuvers on Norwegian soil.

He further stated that the English Channel fleet was there only for the protection of British rights to the Channel, and to guarantee the treaty safeguards certifying the neutrality of Belgium.

In a separate development, the British Foreign Office announced a treaty of mutual non-aggression with Turkey covering at least the next three years....

VIENNA (13 May 1901): The ruler of the Dual Monarchy, King Bruce, today sent his royal troops on various missions. He sent some men to Greece for alligator shoes, some to Albania to pick some flowers for the palace ("preferably pansies"), and some to Emory's Tailor Shop, in Trieste, to have the color of the uniforms changed from the traditional red to "shocking pink". When told that this wasn't exactly what the people liked to have the armed forces used for, he replied, "Oh, that's just silly."

VIENNA (17 May 1901): Today, on his way to a private retreat, King Bruce denied rumors that the recent troop movements were aggressive. "That's ridiculous. Why would anyone want to go to war? War is so rusty."

BUDAPEST: The following appeared in the Personals of a local newspaper: "Dear Febb-17, I extend my **** in friendship. I accept your proposal and shall be expecting an engagement ring by return mail. Love, KB."

NEW YORK (URRP): Ex-Sultan Yuk of Turkey, now living in retirement in a hotel on West 49th Street, Manhattan, reacted with indignation to recent pronouncements from King Bruce. "This upstart is a cheap imitation!" he told reporters while looking over the local talent in front of his hotel. "I don't care if he ~~does~~ have a larger harem than mine. What matters is not size but contents!"

PARIS: Well, who gives IT to me this time?

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was caught today in the arms of two A. W. O. L. Shocking-Pink Berets. An irate Premier Boyer-Lesuave issued the following statement: "Since the Count's diplomatic immunity prevents me from having him shot for violation of private property, I am declaring war on Germany."

This statement was greeted by a loud shout of "Jolly good show, old boy" from the English Ambassador, the Earl of Morrell.

CONSTANTINOPLE (5 Oct. 1903): The Sultan announced today that his plans for a winter vacation on the Greek Islands would not be interrupted by the war. After the cancellation of last winter's trip to the Italian Riviera, he is looking forward to this vacation. He welcomed the invitation of the French Premier Boyer-Lesuave to vacation on "the Riviera", but informed sources say the Sultan does not wish to expose his delightful harem to the Frenchmen.

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the English fleet in the Channel would move to the Mid-Atlantic so that it may have the support of the French First Fleet in Portugal.

Builds & Removals: France builds a fleet in Marseilles. No German removal was received, so the Gamesmaster removes F Lyo. There are now no stand-bys in 1969BI, so the first person to send in "Spring 1906" moves for Germany will take over that country if Dave Johnston does not send in moves.

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In a circular dated 23 February and addressed to several Diplomacy game masters and players, Buddy Tretick questions an adjudication made by Lee Childs in the Linburgh Gazette.

The moves, with the CRAUSTARK rulings on them, are:

RUSSIA: F Sev-Bla; A Ukr-Sev; A Rus S A Ukr-Sev.

TURKEY: A Ann-Sev; F Bla S A Ann-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible.

My own opinion is that Childs erred in claiming that the Russian F Sev-Bla would cut the Turkish move F Bla S A Ann-Sev. The Turkish fleet is attacked from the province into which it is offering support, and therefore the support remains valid.

However, Tretick is in error when he claims that the Turkish A Ann-Sev ought to succeed. What happens here is that two units are attempting to enter Sevastopol. Each unit has one valid support. Therefore neither unit can enter Sevastopol. Under these circumstances it is immaterial whether Sevastopol is vacant or occupied, or whether the unit in Sevastopol is Turkish or Russian or, for that matter, Austro-Hungarian.

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Another possible difficulty in adjudication has been pointed out by a player who asks not to be identified lest his strategy be given away. Presume that Germany and Russia have for several moves been allies, and that the following situation develops:

ENGLAND: A Liv-Wal.

GERMANY: A Hol-Lcn; F Yor S A Hol-Lcn.

RUSSIA: A Lon-Wal; F North Sea C GERMAN A Hol-Lcn.

The question arises here is: is the attack on London German or Russian? If it is German, then the German fleet in Yorkshire cannot support it in dislodging a German army already in London. But of course the same thing follows even if the attack is considered to be Italian. A German unit cannot support anyone dislodging another German unit.

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In CRAUSTARK #204 the following quotation was presented for readers to identify:

"If there is any gain in recent developments, it is this: The moral position of the United States has been clarified. The United States now has all the rights and obligations of a man confronted with imminent and deadly assault."

This call to arms was written by L. Brent Bozell, and appeared in National Review, which is edited by Bozell's brother-in-law William F. Buckley, in 1957. The "imminent and deadly assault" referred to by Bozell was the launching of the First Soviet orbital satellite, Sputnik I.

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In the Village Voice of 26 Feb. 1970, Howard Smith reports that Ballantine Books will bring out The Mafia Cookbook in May. Recipes will include Chicken Valachi and Bloodsausage Genovese. There will be a de luxe Bulletproof Edition for \$100.

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You've heard of State Flags, State Songs, State Flowers, State Trees, and State Birds. But now, by action of Governor Maddox and the Legislature, Georgia has a State Fish. It is, of course, the Large-mouthed Bass. (New York Times, 22 Feb. 1970)

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Four pages of CRAUSTARK #199 were devoted to a discussion of war-gaming, with mention of both commercial war-games and simulations designed by the US armed forces and played by computer. Complimentary copies of that issue were sent to all the commercial firms, writers, military agencies, and war-game inventors and players mentioned in the article. You will probably not be too surprised to learn that not one reply or acknowledgement was received from any of them.

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We had a small fire at our home on the evening of 23 February. No one was hurt, but our older daughter's room was almost totally burned out. (It was decorated in wall-to-wall dirty clothes, which didn't help any.) There is some smoke and water

danger in the other rooms, but the library and workrooms are not affected. We are getting the house fixed up again now.

Shaft the Draft Dept.: "But all the inhabitants of the land paid no attention to the command of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Assyria, and would not go with him to the war, for they were not afraid of him, but regarded him as just a single man, and they sent his messengers back disappointed and in disgrace." - Judith 1, 11.

No entries whatsoever came in for the "Royal Nicknames" contest printed in GRAUSTARK #199. In the "Department of Unhistory-II" contest from #200, only Bill Linden, George Grayson, Bob Ward, and Ron Salcedo submitted entries. Linden did not wish his contest entry counted for admission into a new game. Grayson got questions 4, 6, and 9 correct, and Ward got question 7 right. Since Grayson already qualified for another quiz, Bob Ward will be entered in "G-I" as the winner of the "Unhistory" contest.

George Grayson and John McCallum were the only people who submitted entries for the "Whose Little Girl Are You?" contest in #202. McCallum got 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10 correct, but had already qualified for "G-I" on the basis of the quiz published in #201. Therefore George Grayson, who got 2, 3, and 4 right, enters "G-I".

The first four entries in "G-I", the Prizewinners' Game, are John McCallum, Jay Kimmel, George Grayson, and Bob Ward.

The contest published in GRAUSTARK #203 asked readers to find the present names of several cities identified under former designations. The answers are:

1. Chemnitz	Karl-Marx-Stadt, German Democratic Republic
2. Fiume	Rijeka, Yugoslavia
3. Kaupangen	Trondheim, Norway
4. Kolyvan	Tallinn, Estonian SSR, USSR
5. Leopoldville	Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
6. Nablus	Shechem, Israel. (The Romans renamed this city "Scythia Neapolis", which the Arabs shortened to "Nablus")
7. Nidaros	Trondheim, Norway
8. Strato's Tower	Caesarea, Israel. (This had been a seaside village under the older name until Herod I rebuilt it as a Greek city.)
9. Syene	Aswan, United Arab Republic
10. Wexford	Leitrim, Irish Republic

Some time ago, a couple of the players in 1966C asked me to take over that game, abandoned when Charles Brannan's Wild 'n' Woolly folded. I tried to get the consent of the other players to my Gamesmanship, but failed to do so. Apparently this game will have to be regarded as abandoned.

"The Hungarian correspondent came over to the table to fill his water tumbler with whiskey. 'I have my own private theory,' he said. 'Later on, I am going to have it published in Life Magazine. How to Save the Capitalist System in America, by Laszlo Czigly...I call it The Guided Tour System of Democracy...Look around us, now...!' He threw his arms wide in a spacious gesture. 'What do we see? Unparalleled prosperity. Every man who wants to work, with a good job. Every woman, who in normal times could not be trusted to rinse rubber nipples, now doing precision tooling at eighty-seven dollars a week. Mississippi traffic policemen who in peacetime made eleven hundred dollars a year, now full Colonels, with pay starting at six hundred and twenty a month. College boys who were a drain on the family fortune, now majors in the Air Forces, making five hundred and seventy dollars a month. Factories working day and night, no unemployment, everybody eating more meat, going to more movies, getting laid more often than ever before. Everybody alert, happy, in good physical condition. What is the source of all these benefits? The war. But, you say, the war cannot last forever. Alas, that is true. The Germans will finally betray us and collapse and we will go back to closed factories, unemployment, low pay, disaster. There are two ways of handling the situation. Either keep the Germans fighting forever, and you cannot trust them to do that...or...'" And he took a long drink of his

whiffroy, and Charles Gandy, "We pretend the war is always on. Keep the factories working. Keep producing fifty thousand airplanes a year, at two-fifty an hour for everyone who picks up a wrench, keep producing tanks at a hundred thousand dollars a tank, keep producing aircraft carriers at seven million dollars apiece. Ah, you say, then you have the problem of overproduction. The Czigly system takes care of everything. As of the moment, the Japanese and Germans absorb our production, prevent us from glutting out markets. They shoot down our planes. They sink our aircraft carriers, they tear holes in our clothing. It is a simple problem. We must be our own Germans, our own Japs. Each month, we collect the necessary amounts of B-17's, the allotted number of aircraft carriers, the specified number of tanks...and what do we do with them?...We sink them in the ocean, and we order new ones immediately. Now," he said, very seriously, "the most delicate problem - the human element. Overproduction of goods, you say, that is not an inscrutable problem. But overproduction of human beings - there we tread on dangerous ground. One hundred thousand men a month, two hundred thousand men a month, I do not know how many, are now being disposed of. In peacetime there will be a certain objection to killing them off, even if it keeps the economy in A Number One working order. Certain organizations would protect, the Church would take a stand, even I can comprehend the difficulties. No, I say, let us be humane, let us remember we are civilized human beings. Do not kill them. Merely keep them in the Army. Pay them their salaries, promote them, decorate the Generals, give allotments to their wives, and merely keep them out of America. Send them, under proper guidance, in large numbers to one country after another. They promote good will, they spread prosperity, they spend American money abroad in large sums, they make pregnant a great many lonely foreign women with good democratic New World seed, they set an example for the local manhood of vigor and directness that is most useful. Most of all, they do not compete with American labor on the home scene. From time to time, permit large groups of them to be demobilized and sent home. There they will take up their old lives with their wives and mothers-in-law and their civilian employers. They will see quickly how foolish they were. They will clamor to be taken back into the Army. But we take back only the best; we have finally only ten or twelve million of our finest examples, touring the world; we have left in America only the slightly slow, the slightly stupid, who do not compete too fiercely with each other, and so that nervous tension which has been complained about so often in American life, slowly relaxes, slowly disappears." - Irwin Shaw, The Young Lions

A very curious picture appeared in a local newspaper recently. It is a photograph of a man in head-to-toe protective clothing, wearing a gas mask. He is carrying a large wire cage which contains a live white rabbit. Can anyone determine from this information where he is and what he is doing? (Answer in the next issue.)

In listing the contest winners on the previous page, I neglected to note that Michael Aita also got one question right on the "Unhistory" quiz, #4. Since he ties with Bob Wurd, he also enters game G-1. This leaves only two positions to fill in that game, and they will go to the winners of the contest published in GRAUSTARK #203. Accordingly, country assignments for that game will go out within the next week, and "Spring 1901" moves will be due on 11 April.

As of 15 March, Aita's new address will be Apartment 6-D North, 208 Anderson Street, Hackensack, N. J. 07601. City Diplomacy players will be glad to see Mike and Carolyn back in the New York area, and will be looking forward to seeing them across the Diplomacy board.

Several Diplomacy players have turned up in the student body of Brooklyn College. Chief among them is Michael Honig, 101-11 Avenue M, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11236. Both Diplomacy and Risk boards are in the student center, and Risk seems to be played quite regularly. (Diplomacy is a little too much to squeeze in between classes.)

Moves of the three "World-War-One" variant games now in progress will be published up to date in GRAUSTARK #207 or #208. WWI-C is currently suspended while Dave Johnston is temporarily FAFIA. ("Forced Away From It All.")

DIRECTORY OF UNFAMILIAR QUOTATIONS - XVII

The accusation continues to come in, directed against the opponents of war, that they are trying to stifle their adversaries' Freedom of ~~Speech~~ Speech. To meet this criticism, GRAUSTARK continues to present the pro-war arguments upon which America's present foreign policy is apparently grounded.

"The Army today is the Church in action, transforming the will of the Church into deeds, expressing the moral judgment of the Church into smashing blows. Its worship has its vigil in the trenches, and its fasts and feasts; its prayers are in acts, and its choir is the crash of cannon and the thrilling ripple of machine guns. Do you think... that if the Church as a whole had opposed war, or had sat by the fire warning itself, the nation could have put the army overseas without draft riots? No, from the beginning the Church was patriotic and loyal." - Rev. George Parkin Atwater, Atlantic Monthly, April 1918.

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"Christ was the greatest fighter the world has ever seen... surely every believer in Christ... will unsheathe his sword and gladly give his life." - Rev. J. Wesley Johnston, Christian Work, 29 Dec. 1917

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"We must help in the bayonetting of a normally decent German soldier in order to free him from a tyranny which he at present accepts as his chosen form of government.

"We must lend our help in widowing a good-hearted and kindly German woman in order to save her and her children from the evils of a government which she identifies with fatherland and which she otherwise little understands.

"We must aid in the starvation and emaciation of a German baby in order that he, or at least his more sturdy little playmate, may grow up to inherit a different sort of government from that for which his father died." - The Advocate of Peace (!), May 1917.

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"I would have gone over the top with other Americans, I would have driven my bayonet into the throat or the eye or the stomach of the Huns without the slightest hesitation and my conscience would not have bothered me in the least." - Rev. George W. Downs, Pittsburgh Gazette-Times, 12 Nov. 1917 (quotation from a sermon)

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"Three inches are not enough, seven inches are too many, and twelve inches are more than too many, for while you are pulling out the bayonet you are losing the opportunity to drive it into another man five inches." - Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, Boston Herald, 22 Oct. 1917 (quotation from a sermon)

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"Between the soldier in the trenches who turns his weapon upon his comrades and the man at home who makes his tongue a weapon against the wholehearted and determined prosecution of the war, there is little to choose. Each is a traitor no matter what plane he occupies or by what name he is called." - The Watchman-Examiner, 14 March 1918

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"Criticism of the government irritates me - I consider it little short of treason. Self-constituted critics are in fact disloyal, and even those whose duty it is to express disapproval should be extremely sparing in their use of this power.

"Every citizen of this nation, no matter what his private opinion or his political leanings, should support the President and his advisers to the limit of his ability." - John Cardinal Farley, quoted by R. H. Abrams, Preachers Present Arms

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"Sad is our lot if we have forgotten how to die for a holy cause." - Rev. George Wharton Pepper, The Churchman, 13 Jan. 1917

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Readers of GRAUSTARK will note that every quotation on the preceding page, in enthusiastic support of war, comes from a Christian minister. Such words represent the overwhelming preponderance of opinion in the Christian clergy whenever the nation in which they live is engaged in war. This being the case, my disgust for Christianity stems not from the absurdity of their doctrines so much as from the pernicious social policies, beginning with war and working downward, which they advocate.

This shame of Christianity is presented in two books: Preachers Present Arms by Ray H. Abrams (1933) and The War Myth by Donald A. Wells (1967). However, I doubt that the Christians themselves would regard this as a "shame". Another of the ministers quoted by Abrams, Dean Shailler Matthews of the Baptist Divinity School of the University of Chicago, put it this way:

"For an American to refuse to share in the present war, to oppose preparation for war, to induce men to avoid draft, and to attack all forms of military preparation of national defense, is not Christian."

So say the Christians; so say I.

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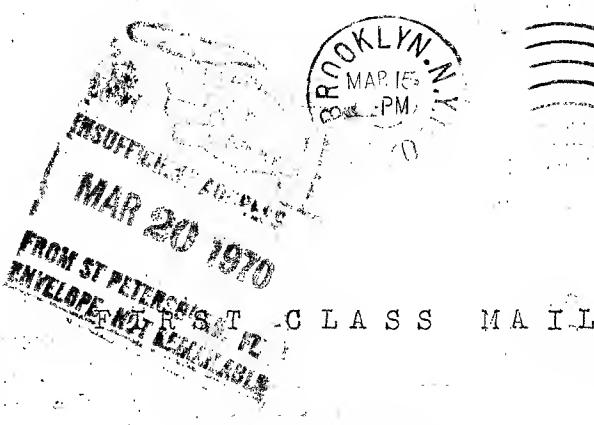
As announced about a month ago, a supplement to GRAUSTARK is now in preparation. Its title, price, and date of publication will be announced later. This supplement will not automatically go out to GRAUSTARK subscribers for free unless they have contributed an article or review to it, so interested readers should order it when its publication is announced. Among other things, it will include reviews of Voices From Prophesying War by I. F. Clarke, another of Michael Kurland's "The Man from N. A. R." series, a recent issue of The Augustan, and The Iron Mountain Report. There will also be reviews of simulation board games akin to Diplomacy.

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"It is not in the power even of God to make a polite soldier." - Menandros